

Uncle Sam Committee Meeting Minutes.

Wednesday April 18th 2012, 8pm. Lower Level, Senior Center, Arlington.

Attendees: Laurence McKinney, Mike Ruggieri, Hugh McCrory & Carl Wagner

Reviewed and approved the Minutes from the previous Uncle Sam Committee meeting, Feb 20th, 2012.

Welcomed to new member Carl Wagner and discussed the interest in the committee from Andy O'Brien.

Rain Garden: Mike and Laurence attended the MWRA meeting for the selection for the two rain garden locations in the Town. The rain garden submission (near the Uncle Sam statue) by Mike R was a final-four candidate but unfortunately was not selected. Thanks to Mike for his hard work and professionalism on this project. The locations chosen were Hardy School and Hurd field lot.

Town Meeting report was discussed and will include the accomplishments including: MAPC report, Town Day 2012 activities, new members, MWRA Rain Garden submission, Patriots Day Parade, Tree and Shrubs plantings. Laurence volunteered to draft up the TM report.

The Town Meeting Warrant Article (#56) ...

"To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1500.00 for expenses related to the upgrade of Uncle Sam Park, signage, lighting, and tourist signboard and the Uncle Sam 2012 Bicentennial groundbreaking celebration; or take any action related thereto."

...was discussed at length. Hugh referred the committee to the fact that the TED committee have an appropriation warrant article this year for signage which includes the Uncle Sam Statue. The committee resolved to speak to members of the ATED committee to understand their intentions. The committee also voted unanimously to collaborate with the ATED committee, if possible, should they succeed in securing funding for signage that would include the Uncle Sam Statue.

No news on the Sean Garbally - Press for Uncle Sam Day Legislation issue. We will continue to press for this.

Vehicle for fundraising was brought up but I was decided that this should wait until the next meeting.

Other news: Mike, Hugh & Laurence planted the tree saplings and Lilys that were donated to the Uncle Sam Park.